



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>Applicant(s):</b>	Heikki Heikkila, et al.	<b>Examiner:</b>	Devesh Khare
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**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated March 28, 2006, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, applicants request that the Examiner enter the following amendments in connection with the above-identified application:

**Amendments to the claims** begin on Page 2 of this paper.

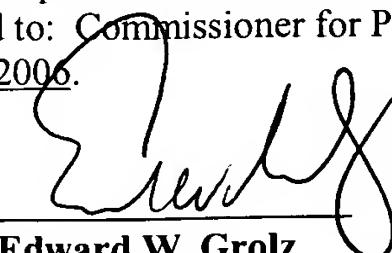
**Remarks** begin on Page 10 of this paper.

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